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The Cup is coming!

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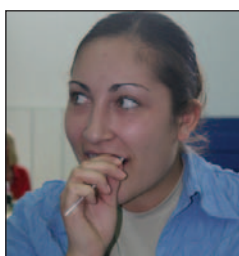
Community members who think that a football is brown and pointy – or that soccer is a sport that just hasn't caught on yet – are in for quite a surprise this June. The World Cup, a once-every-four-years extravaganza in honor of the world's most popular sport, returns to Germany starting June 9, when the monthlong quest to find the world's best national team kicks off in Munich. From the pitch to the stands to the fests surrounding the events, see pages 8 and 9 for your introduction to the Cup.

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Hundreds of names are added to a national bone marrow donor database thanks to the efforts of a Stuttgart Soldier.



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Patch High School's top groups face off in the annual "Battle of the Bands." When the music stops, 'Kingsley' takes the crown.



May is Asian-Pacific-American Heritage Month Month celebrates many cultural contributions of individuals who help make U.S. great

By Michael E. Dukes
Commentary

The United States is a nation founded by and made up of immigrants. In May, Asian-Pacific-Americans – a group of people who make up about 5 percent of the U.S. population – celebrate their rich heritage.

They are Chinese, Filipino, Korean, Indian, Vietnamese and others from the Asian-Pacific region of the world.

Some trace their roots back many generations of Asian Americans, while others represent the first in their families to come to America seeking a better life.

“Through the years, Asian immigrants and Pacific islanders have enriched the American way of life,” said President George W. Bush in a statement on the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Web site.

“Nobel Prize winner Dr. Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar’s groundbreaking theories on the evolution of stars helped lay the foundation for modern astrophysics,” Bush said. “Actress Anna May Wong was one of the first Asian Americans to achieve great fame in American film.

And the men of the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team, composed primarily of Asian/Pacific Americans, valiantly served our nation during World War II. These units are remembered as some of the most highly decorated in U.S. military history.”

CORRECTION

The May 9 story “Kelley Theater tops Tournament of Plays” should have indicated that Isabell Olsen-Clancy earned a “Topper” for best actress in a minor role.

More than 300,000 Asian Pacific Americans are U.S. military veterans. Of those numbers, 32 have earned the Medal of Honor.

Asian-Pacific-American Heritage Month celebrates the cultural traditions, ancestry, native languages and unique experiences represented among the more than 30 ethnic groups from Asia and the Pacific found here in the U.S., the president said.

Rocky beginnings

May has historic significance for many Asian Pacific Americans. On May 10, 1869, America’s first transcontinental railroad was completed – a task made possible largely by the contributions and sacrifices of Chinese immigrants who laid the tracks. And May 7, 1843, marked the first Japanese immigration to the U.S.

Similar to the current-day debate regarding the U.S. “immigration crisis,” Americans of the 1800s feared too many Asian immigrants were coming to America. Many Americans felt they were being “overwhelmed” by the large numbers of Chinese immigrants.

Anti-Chinese riots erupted in Los Angeles and other cities in 1871. Laws were created denying citizenship for Asian-Pacific immigrants.

Trials toward citizenship

Most Asian Pacific Americans were denied U.S. citizenship until World War I. On June 24, 1935, President Franklin

D. Roosevelt granted citizenship to 500 Asian Americans after they served in the U.S. armed forces during World War I despite the fact that they did not enjoy full freedom entitled by the Constitution.

After Japan bombed Pearl Harbor in 1941, more than 100,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry were placed in internment camps. Yet none of them were found guilty of espionage or treason against the U.S.

The race barrier began to be torn down for Asian Pacific Americans in the 1950s.

House Joint Resolution 10007 officially recognized Asian-Pacific-American Heritage Week in 1978, and in 1990, President George H. W. Bush proclaimed May as Asian Pacific Heritage Month.

In 2004, there were about 14 million Asian Pacific Americans living in the United States, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Today, more than 300,000 Asian Pacific Americans are U.S. military veterans. Of those numbers, 32 have earned the Medal of Honor.

Dukes writes for The Stripe at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. This commentary originally appeared online at the Army News Web site (www.army.mil/arnews).

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Military spouses stand apart, together

By Col. Steven Arrington
Commentary

Over the years, I’ve talked a lot about military spouses ... how special they are and the price they pay for freedom, too. The funny thing about it, is most military spouses don’t consider themselves different from other spouses.

They do what they have to do, bound together not by blood or merely friendship, but with a shared spirit whose origin is in the very essence of what love truly is.

Is there truly a difference? I think there is. You have to decide for yourself.

Other spouses get married and look forward to building equity in a home and putting down family roots. Military spouses get married and know they’ll live in base housing or rent, and their roots must be short so they can be transplanted frequently.

Other spouses decorate a home with flair and personality that will last a lifetime. Military spouses decorate a home with flare tempered with the knowledge that no two base houses have the same size windows or same size rooms. Curtains have to be flexible and multiple sets are a plus. Furniture must fit like puzzle pieces!

Other spouses have living rooms that are immaculate and seldom used. Military spouses have immaculate living room/dining room combos. The coffee table got a scratch or two moving from Germany, but it still looks pretty good.

Other spouses say goodbye to their spouse for a business trip and know they won’t see them for a week. They are lonely, but can survive. Military spouses say goodbye to their deploying spouse and know they won’t see them for months, or for a remote, a year. They are lonely, but will survive.

Other spouses get used to saying “hello” to friends they see all the time. Military spouses get used to saying “goodbye” to friends made the last two years.

Other spouses worry about whether their child will be class president next year. Military spouses worry about whether their child will be accepted in yet another new school next year and whether that school will be the worst in the city again.

Other spouses can count on spouse participation in special events such as birthdays, anniversaries, concerts, football games, graduation, and even the birth of a child.

Military spouses only count on each other, because they realize that the Flag has to come first if freedom is to survive.

It has to be that way.

Other spouses put up yellow ribbons when the troops are imperiled across the globe and take them down when the troops come home. Military spouses wear yellow ribbons on their hearts and they never go away.

Other spouses worry about being late for Mom’s Thanksgiving dinner. Military spouses worry about getting back from Japan in time for Dad’s funeral.

And other spouses are touched by the television program showing an elderly lady putting a card down in front of a long, black wall that has names on it. The card simply says “Happy Birthday, Sweetheart. You would have been sixty today.” A military spouse is the lady with the card. And the wall is the Vietnam memorial.

I would never say military spouses are better or worse than other spouses are. But I will say there is a difference. Our country asks more of military spouses than is asked of other spouses. Military spouses pay just as high a price for freedom as do their active-duty husbands or wives.

Perhaps the price they pay is even higher. Dying in service to our country isn’t near as hard as loving someone who has died in service to our country, and having to live without them.

God bless our military spouses for all they freely give!

Arrington wrote this commentary while serving at Nellis Air Force Base. It was provided to The Citizen by the 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group, Family Readiness Group.



Youth in Stuttgart have another reason to smile: The School Age Services programs on Patch Barracks and Kelley Barracks received perfect marks while being accredited by the National After-School Association.

SAS centers earn accreditation

Story & photo by Brandon Beach

Patch and Kelley School Age Services both took home excellent reports cards this year. The two youth centers, which make up half of the after-school care in the Stuttgart military community, received perfect marks following accreditation visits by the National After-School Association.

"I was completely thrilled," said Jeannie Pai, director of Patch SAS. "When the endorsers left, I think I was the happiest person on Earth."

NAA spent two days in November of last year evaluating numerous aspects of the Patch SAS youth center, which offers before- and after-school programs.

The two-person endorsement team reviewed health and safety practices, met with the center's parent council and observed staff interaction with children among others.

"I think the main challenge we always face is the facility itself," said Pai. "It just wasn't made for a school-age program."

With some 70 kids at any given day shuffling between numerous stand-alone activity rooms, the program relies on a cohesive staff and an accountability system that can track the children's every movement.

"We haven't had much turnover in staff either which is quite rare in this field," said Pai. "I think the endorsers recognized that as a big plus for our program."

Following the visit from the NAA, Patch SAS was officially accredited Jan. 8. The center had no discrepancies.

Staff members were subsequently honored in a March 31

ceremony at the Kelley Community Club for their achievement. U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Command Sgt. Major Mark Q. Barbary and Acting Morale Welfare and Recreation Director Karin Santos were on hand to pass out awards.

Kelley SAS last met NAA compliance in March 2003 and applied for reaccreditation this year.

Following their two-day inspection, NAA endorsers held an exit interview April 27 with several members of the Kelley SAS staff, as well as Suzanne King, coordinator of Child and Youth Services.

Like Patch SAS, the endorsers found no discrepancies in their final report.

At this point, NAA has 90 days, once the report is signed and sealed, to officially recognize the accreditation of the program.

"The endorsers praised our center's warm homelike atmosphere," said Margaret Padilla, director of Kelley SAS.

"They especially liked the nurturing way staff interact with the kids," she added.

Since 1987, NAA has been the benchmark for evaluating quality after-school programs in both the private sector and military communities worldwide.

Robinson SAS received its NAA accreditation in February 2001 and seeks reaccreditation this year, while Panzer SAS will be visited by NAA for the first time.

Endorsement teams are scheduled to visit the two facilities in the next few months.

For more information about the accreditation process visit www.naaweb.org.

News & Notes

Memorial Day ceremony on Patch

American Legion Stuttgart Post 6 will host the Stuttgart military community's Memorial Day ceremony May 29, 11 a.m., between the flagpoles on Patch Barracks (in Washington Square).

All community members are encouraged to attend this ceremony, which will feature remarks by Col. Brian D. Perry Sr. of the U.S. European Command Historian's Office and a poetry reading by Walt Cogan.

Patch mailroom closure

The Patch Community Mail Room will be closed May 26, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., for minor repairs and painting.

Community members will have full access to their mailboxes after 1 p.m.

Mentors needed for Stuttgart students

The school year is winding down, but the Stuttgart Schools Mentorship Program is already looking ahead to the 2006-2007 academic year.

The program is looking for committed, caring adult community members who are willing to share their time to help a local youth become a better student and a better citizen.

Volunteer mentor positions are available at all Stuttgart-area schools, and tutor/mentors may work with children from elementary school to high school.

For more about the program see page 5.

For more about how you can help improve the world one child at a time call 430-7496/civ. 0711-680-7496 or e-mail carmichc@eucom.mil.

Legal Office hours change

Due to personnel shortages, the Patch Legal Office notary services will be closed on May 23 and May 30.

Additionally, there will be no walk-in attorney visits at the Kelley Legal Assistance Office Wednesday, May 24 or Wednesday, May 31.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Legal Assistance at 421-4152/civ. 0711-729-4152.

Motorcycle safety requirements

All military-affiliated motorcyclists are reminded that the following equipment is mandatory when riding either on- or off-post:

- Shatterproof eye protection that meets VESC Reg. Standard.
- Helmet that meets ANSI standard Z90-1 or Europe Norm 22-02.
- Full-fingered gloves.
- High-visibility garments (when wearing military uniform, also wear a brightly colored/ reflective PT-style vest that is visible from the front and rear of motorcycle).
- Leather boots or over-ankle shoes.
- Long sleeved shirt or jacket.
- Trousers.

For more information call the USAG Stuttgart Safety Office at 421-2752/civ. 0711-680-2752.

Leaving the military? Call us first!

Avoid separation anxiety. Call the Stuttgart Army Career Alumni Program at 431-2191/civ. 07031-15-2191 for your pre-separation brief.

Case lot sales in Stuttgart

The Panzer Kaserne and Kelley Barracks commissaries will be hosting case lot sales May 25 to 26.

The Patch Commissary will host its sale May 26 to 28.

Selected products include baking mixes, cookies, snacks, soups, detergent, paper products, canned vegetables and more.

For more information visit www.commissaries.com.

Volunteer opportunities abound

• Do you have the time and the desire to help service members and their families get the most out of their time in Europe? If so, call the **Stuttgart USO** at 430-5559/civ. 0711-680-5559 or visit our office (Patch Barracks, bldg. 2307) and pick up a volunteer application.

• The **Stuttgart Girl Scout Neighborhood** is in need of volunteers to help with its summer day camp, tentatively scheduled for Aug. 21 to 25 with sleepover nights Aug. 23 and 24. Military members may apply for permissive TDY status during the camp.

For more information call 430-4927/civ. 0711-680-4927 or e-mail warnere@eucom.mil.

OBITUARIES

Julius Adams, 62

Julius Adams, a 36-year civilian government employee who had served with Army Lodging in Stuttgart since 1980, died April 21 of Adult T-Cell Leukemia-Lymphoma. He was 62 years old.

A former Soldier, Mr. Adams joined the Hilltop Hotel on Robinson Barracks in 1987, and had served as the facility's manager since 2000.

In addition to his civic contributions and dedication to the Stuttgart military community, Mr. Adams was remembered by friends for his passion for both cooking and shopping.

Mr. Adams was buried following a funeral service April 25 in Fellbach-Oeffingen. A memorial service was held May 18 in the Patch Chapel.

Mr. Adams is survived by his wife, Christine; his son, Marcel, his mother, Maggie; and his sister, Lilian.

Moultrie Brown, 70

Moultrie Brown, an employee of U.S. Army Garrison Garmisch, died April 30 of liver disease.

He was 70 years old.

Brown had worked with the lodging division of the USAG Garmisch Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

For the past six months he had served as a part-time laborer with the garrison.

"Mr. Brown's passing is a tragic loss to his family and the community," said Steven Denman of USAG Garmisch DPTMS. "He was a loving spouse and father and a dedicated employee."

A funeral service for Mr. Brown was held May 5 in the *Neuer Südfriedhof* in Munich.

Mr. Brown is survived by his wife, Hildegard Brown, and his sister, Rachel Brown, of North Carolina.

School Age Services youth get SmartWired

EUCOM-sponsored program focuses on success

Story and photo by Brandon Beach

What makes a child tick? The road to that answer might seem bumpy and far-between, but staff members at each of the Stuttgart School Age Services found a starting point with SmartWired.

"SW helps a child become more aware of how talented they really are," said Andy Bryner, who led a two-day intensive training in February and then let staff take off with the eight-week program. "The real art of SW is how to make a child's learning relevant to their lives."

Alongside Stuttgart, the eight-week program, sponsored by U.S. European Command, was pilot-tested at military youth centers in Naples and Vicenza, Italy; and RAF Mildenhall, England.

"I found out I was more interested in school than I thought I was," said Toriona Farrel, a fourth-grader at Patch Elementary School. "It helped me learn how I can succeed better."

Kids such as Farrel who got "SmartWired" celebrated the completion of the program April 28 with a cake-cutting and awards ceremony in Patch SAS.

Colonel Patricia Mulcahy of EUCOM and Karen Santos, acting Director of Morale Welfare and Recreation, were on hand to pass out certificates and T-shirts.

"SW builds a child's self-esteem and confidence by looking at their successes rather than their mistakes," said Jeff Carpenter, director of the Kelley Youth Services. Teens from his center volunteered their time to serve as youth mentors and assisted SAS kids with the on-line program.

Through a secured Internet account, kids recorded their success stories by writing journal entries; tracked resources that helped them

overcome challenges, be it a difficult math quiz or adjusting to a new school after a PCS move; and in the end, completed a virtual portfolio of themselves, available to parents who might be deployed downrange and want to stay in tune with their child's academic development.

"The child they leave behind is not the same child they return to," said Child and Youth Services Coordinator Suzanne King.

Kids started the program by creating super heroes, molded from their own likeness. Using a large scroll of white paper rolled out across the floor, staff traced the kids' physical profile, and then, let the kids' infuse their creative magic.

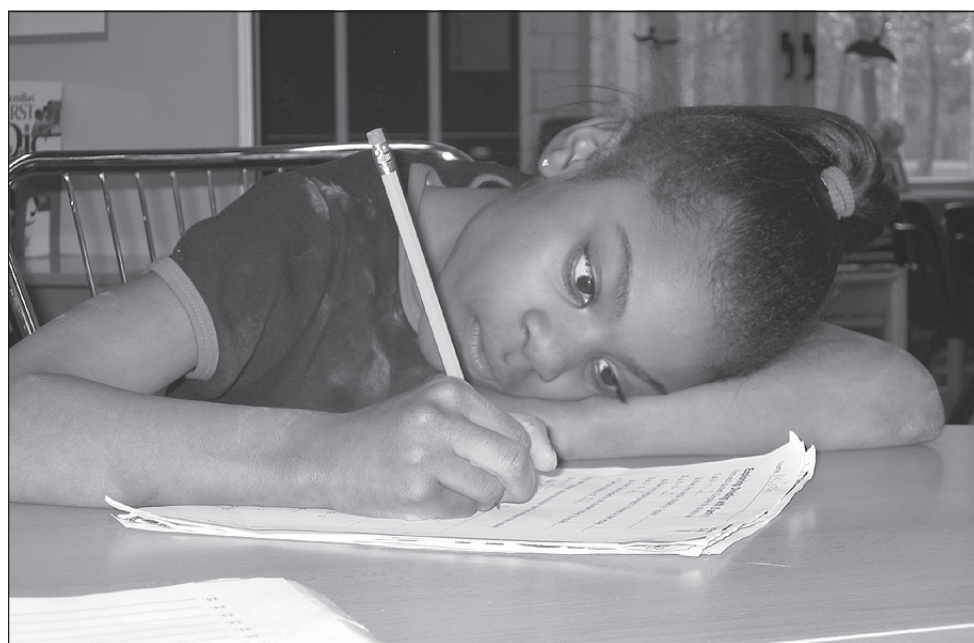
Kids scripted complex stories about how their super heroes came to being, gave them powers (such as Superman's ability to see through walls) and drafted secret headquarters.

"The super hero holds the energy of the program," said Bryner. "Kids begin to identify resources that might help their super hero overcome challenges."

The program breaks down into five stages, each with a corresponding letter that spells out the word, S-M-A-R-T. Each letter, for example S stands for Success and T for Talents, incorporates 30-minute individual and team-building activities. Using the online account, kids and staff logged in results and moved closer toward identifying the strengths that make them tick.

"It's like a treasure hunt that you are both on together," said Dr. Dawne Markova, the program's founder. "The vision is to create a world in which every child understands his or her natural gifts and how best to apply them."

To learn more about the program visit www.eucom-smartwired.com.



[Above] Sponsored by U.S. European Command, the SmartWired program teaches community youth to focus on their natural talents. Kai Holly, a fifth-grader at Patch Elementary, works on a school assignment at the Kelley SAS homework center.

[Right] Youth from the Stuttgart military community who participated in the School Age Services program enjoyed cake and T-shirts at the SmartWired ceremony April 28 in the Patch SAS facility.



Donation drive aims to improve odds for marrow matches

Story & photo by Hugh C. McBride

Thanks to Sgt. Stefanie Robinson, U.S. European Command and U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart, the odds just got a little bit better for the thousands of Americans who need a bone marrow transplant.

Inspired by the plight of a friend who is searching for a marrow match, Robinson organized a three-day marrow donor registration drive May 15 to 17 in the Patch Fitness Center. The effort received strong support from USAG Stuttgart Commander Col. Kenneth G. Juergens and Melissa Rodeffer of the EUCOM Command Surgeon's office.

As a follow-up to a successful daylong drive she had spearheaded on Panzer Kaserne in March, the May drive allowed members of the Stuttgart military community to complete the 15-minute registration process to become part of a database of potential marrow donors that is maintained by the National Marrow Donor Program.

"No one realizes how important this issue is until it affects them," Robinson said, noting that in the United States alone more than 30,000 individuals are diagnosed each year with one of the more than 70 life-threatening blood diseases that may require a marrow transplant.

With no walk-in testing facilities currently available in Europe, Robinson said community drives like the May

event on Patch Barracks are the primary means for members of the overseas military community to join the marrow registration effort.

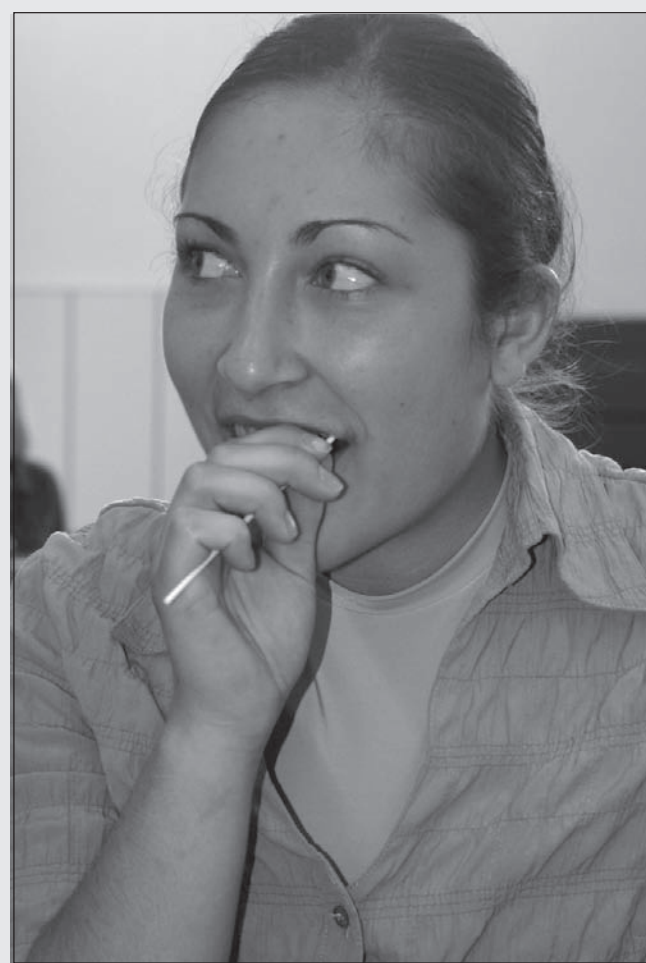
The EUCOM/USAG Stuttgart support enabled Robinson and Rodeffer to secure the Patch Fitness Center gymnasium for three days and register hundreds of community members into the database.

"This is a great event that helps support the DoD family, and it is an effort that U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart is proud to support," said Juergens, who with his wife, Gaby, not only registered for the database, but also staffed a community assistance tables for part of the drive.

"You'd always like to see even more people turn out for something like this – but every person who participated can make a difference," Juergens noted. "We may never know, but maybe someone's life was saved today."

Robinson said she plans to expand her marrow donation drive effort to military communities throughout Europe. For more about how you can help e-mail stefanie.robinson@us.army.mil or visit www.dodmarrow.org.

Andria Alvarez of Stuttgart swabs the inside of her cheek to collect a sample that will become part of a database of potential donors maintained by the National Marrow Donor Program.



Stuttgart students earn AFCEA scholarships

Military communications organization honors youth from Patch High School, Int'l School of Stuttgart

Story & photo by Hugh C. McBride

Kara Hogan knows a lot about failure – \$2,000 worth, to be exact. Hogan, a senior at Patch High School, earned a \$2,000 U.S. Savings Bond from the Stuttgart chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association for her presentation on some of history's most significant engineering disasters.

Hogan's "Engineering Disasters" presentation, which earned her third place in the annual AFCEA scholarship competition, was the highest-placing entry by a Patch High School student.

Inspired by a section in her high school physics book, Hogan researched three engineering-related tragedies: the Nov. 7, 1940 collapse of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge; the July 17, 1981, collapse of a walkway at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Kansas City; and the Nov. 18, 1999, collapse of the Texas A&M bonfire.

Dr. Joe Page, secretary of the Stuttgart AFCEA chapter, said the presentations Hogan and the others made before the scholarship judges were emblematic of both the quality of the participants and the focus of the organization.

"The main thing that AFCEA is about is represented by the students we are here to honor today," he said.

The top two places in this year's competition went to students from the International School of Stuttgart:

- Joern Mumme took top honors (and a \$4,000 savings bond or cash equivalent) for his research into "Dark Matter and the Expanding Universe"

- Adithya Nagesh placed second (earning a \$3,000 bond or cash equivalent) for his presentation on "Magnetic Levitation and Its Physics."

In addition to Hogan's third place finish, PHS students also earned two honorable mentions (worth a \$500 savings bond):

- Laura Bullock – "Technical Aspects of Visual Multimedia"

- Patrick Poage – "3-D Studio Max Animations & Skills"



AFCEA Scholarship finalists (left to right) Kevin McGill, Joern Mumme, Kara Hogan, Adithya Nagesh, Thomas Gorry, James Hansen and Laura Bullock pose with their certificates of participation during the May 11 Scholarship Luncheon in the Swabian Special Events Center on Patch Barracks.

AFCEA: Building bridges between gov't & industry

Founded in 1946, the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Organization is dedicated to enhancing the exchange of ideas between government and private industry in the fields of information technology, communications and intelligence.

A non-profit international association, AFCEA is, according to its Web site (www.afcea.org) "dedicated to supporting global security by providing an ethical environment that encourages a close cooperative relationship among civil government agencies, the military and industry."

With 134 chapters and more than 30,000 individual and

corporate members, AFCEA hosts a number of conferences and symposia to promote professional development among its members.

It also annually awards more than \$1.4 million in scholarships, grants and awards to students in the "hard" sciences.

For more about AFCEA in Stuttgart visit www.afcea-stuttgart.org or contact one of the following members:

- Master Sgt. Robert Maldonado – 434-5532/civ. 0711-68639-5532; robert.maldonado@disa.mil.

- Dr. Joe Page – 434-5244/civ. 0711-68639-5244; joseph.page.ctr@disa.mil.

EUCOM effort helps Stuttgart students excel



Tom Arnholt

Sgt. 1st Class Ramona Anguiano and Arielle Reynolds, a sixth-grade student at Patch Elementary School, enjoy a moment together during a May 11 ceremony to thank the community mentors who helped PES students throughout the school year.

By Hugh C. McBride

Senior Master Sgt. Cory Carmichael wants to change the world – but he needs your help.

As the manager of the Stuttgart Schools Mentorship program, Carmichael has been overseeing an effort to match local students with committed and concerned adult community members.

"This [mentorship program] is just one more way to make a positive impact on our community's youth," Carmichael said, adding that he is already incorporating lessons learned from the program's current year into the effort to make next year's outreach even better.

"We're already looking forward to doing even more next year," he said.

Sgt. 1st Class Ramona Anguiano, who mentored Arielle Reynolds, a sixth-grade student at Patch Elementary School, said both the impact and the extent of the program exceeded her expectations.

"The pressures [kids face] today made me realize that my lunch time was not that valuable – why not spend it with the kids?" she said.

"My experience was overwhelming," she continued, "because not only do you see the effect

‘ My experience was overwhelming ... You can impact many lives through this program. ‘

Sgt. 1st Class Ramona Anguiano
Mentor

you can have on this one child, but how you can impact many lives through the program."

Though her mentorship duties have officially ended for the year, Anguiano said her responsibilities have not.

"I continue to keep in contact with Arielle, and I hope to for years to come," she said. "Mentoring doesn't stop because we no longer make our Wednesday gatherings – that was only the beginning."

To learn more about how you can be a mentor call Carmichael at 430-7496/civ. 0711-680-7396 or e-mail carmichc@eucom.mil.

'Info Fairs' part of ongoing effort to help housing officials connect with community members

Story & photo by Jennifer Sanders

For four weekends in April and May, a team of Stuttgart-area housing professionals "hit the road," taking their message to U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart residents and listening to what they have to say.

The last stop for the Housing Information Fair tour was May 13 on Kelley Barracks, with more than 30 families stopping by to ask questions during the four-hour event.

Emma Watson, chief of the garrison's Directorate of Public Works customer service branch, said getting out into the neighborhood is what the fair is all about. Watson and her colleagues especially addressed concerns about housing relocation due to upcoming renovations slated to begin late summer on Kelley Barracks.

"The customers have an opportunity to see us in a different light when we come to their area," Watson said. "We want them to know that the housing office staff is here for them and that our primary goal is to help them in any way possible."

An initiative begun last year by DPW Housing Officer Mary Scott, this year's Info Fairs incorporated lessons learned.

"We found out what customers were really interested in hearing about," Scott said, explaining that each installation has different concerns from speeding to playgrounds. "The first year was going to be a formal briefing but we learned that people didn't want to hear people talk – they wanted to talk one on one about their specific issues."

Scott said another lesson learned was that residents can never get too much information. Thus came the colorful info boards with photos of renovated apartments and housing areas, flyers and brochures. "They want to know everything they can about what's affecting their lives."

And that's why Scott encourages her entire staff to get out and meet their customers at the fairs. Quality Assurance Inspector Kebreab Tecle and Customer Service and Furnishing Ordering Officer Hibtes Tecchie grilled hot dogs and chatted with residents as part of the family-oriented outreach.

"I've been with housing for 20 years and this type of event has never happened in all my years," said Tecle, who said it's great for residents and a morale booster for the entire team as well. "I'm happy to be a member of the housing staff and I think it's a very good opportunity for me to talk to our customers."

Kelly Buchfink, a two-and-a-half year Kelley resident who will be relocating off-post with her family due to the upcoming renovations, said the housing office has assisted them throughout the process.

"There have been some frustrations with coordination," Buchfink said, "But the landlord has been great and Jane (Harris) has been great at helping. My husband always says call Jane – call Jane."

Scott said the fair tradition will continue, serving as a



Community members check out a housing-related display during the May 11 Housing Information Fair on Kelley Barracks. Similar fairs were conducted recently on Patch, Panzer and Robinson Barracks.

"I hope these info fairs will help people understand we're approachable, and they can come to us at any time."

Mary Scott

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Housing Office

forum throughout the USAG Stuttgart housing areas and allowing the housing office staff to correct rumors and give residents the facts.

"I hope these info fairs will help people understand we're approachable and they can come to us at anytime and ask us those questions that may be in the back of their minds," Scott said.

To bridge the gap between Info Fairs and to keep residents informed, the housing office produces a quarterly "House Call" bulletin. Community members who have not received this bulletin should contact the housing office (see contact information in the box to the right).

Buildings of the Month

With warmer weather now settling in across southern Germany, the USAG Stuttgart Housing Office has resumed its "Building of the Month" recognition program.

The following are May's winners:

Kelley Barracks – Buildings 3402 & 3424
Panzer Kaserne – Building 3104
Patch Barracks – Building 2436 & 2535
Robinson Barracks – Building 151

For more about this recognition program or any other housing-related issues in Stuttgart:

- Visit www.stuttgart.army.mil. Select "Newcomers," then "Housing."
- Call 431-2420/civ. 0711-729-2420
- Visit the Housing Office (Panzer Kaserne, Welcome Center)

USAREUR policy mandates parental responsibility

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

With the weather finally starting to warm up and the kids itching to get back outside again, parents in Stuttgart and Garmisch are being reminded of their responsibilities under the U.S. Army, Europe, Child Supervision Policy.

All individuals who live on an area U.S. military installation (including active-duty service members of all branches, civilian employees and contractors) and who have children who have not graduated from high school are subject to the policy.

Grade-based rules

The USAREUR Child Supervision Policy is based on a child's grade in school, not the child's age – though in all cases, parents are responsible for assessing the individual capabilities of their children.

During summer, children are considered to be in the grade they have just completed.

The following four areas are specifically addressed in the USAREUR policy:

Home alone?

According to the policy, children may be left alone at home for the following lengths of time:

- Fifth grade and below – NEVER
- Grades six and seven – Up to six hours with access to adult supervision (but NEVER overnight)
- Grades eight to 10 – May be left home alone, but NEVER overnight
- Grades 11 and 12 – May be left alone up to 48 hours, but adult must check on them every 12 hours.

Unattended outside?

Children may be left unattended outside according to the following schedule:

- Below kindergarten age – NEVER
- Kindergarten to third grade – Only if in a playground or yard, and within sight or hearing distance of parent at all times.
- Grades four and five – In playgrounds or yards with ready access to an adult
- Grades six and seven – Up to six hours at a time, with access to adult supervision
- Grades eight to 12 – Unlimited

Unattended in vehicle?

Weather permitting, children may be left unattended in a vehicle according to the following schedule (though no one should be left in a vehicle for any length of time during hot weather:

- Below fourth grade – NEVER
- Grades four and five – Up to 10 minutes (keys removed, handbrake applied)
- Grades six and seven – Up to 15 minutes (keys removed, handbrake applied)

- Grades eight to 10 – Up to 20 minutes (keys removed, handbrake applied)
- Grades 11 and 12 – Unlimited

Babysitting?

Children may babysit according to the following schedule:

- Below sixth grade – NEVER
- Grade six – May babysit siblings over the age of two for up to three hours with adult supervision
- Grade 7 – Up to six hours with ready adult supervision (NEVER overnight)
- Grades eight to 10 – Up to 12 hours (NEVER overnight)
- Grades 11 and 12 – Unlimited

For more information call Stuttgart's Army Community Service at 430-7176/civ. 0711-680-7176. In Garmisch call 440-3777/civ. 08821-750-3777.



Tracy Cole of Unforsaken leans back into one of her guitar solos May 12 during the annual Battle of the Bands competition in the PHS Forum. Six bands including Menusia, Kingsley, The Thai Confluence, Amadeus and Jo Jo Sticks kept the head bangers bangin' and the crowd bouncin' during their quest for rock glory.

PHS Battle of the Bands 2006

Kingsley takes top honors at annual showcase



PHS sophomore Brian Miller of Menusia shreds through one of his guitar licks May 12. Formed less than a week before the Battle of the Bands competition, the group already had two original songs in its lineup.

Story and photos by Brandon Beach

From thrash metal to screamo, the six bands vying for this year's Battle of the Bands title kept the volume cranked way up.

Indie-rockers Kingsley took top honors at the annual thrash-a-thon May 12 in the Patch High School Forum and earned \$300 in studio time to record some tracks at the Small World Studio in Böblingen.

Kingsley opened their set with the Violent Femmes' infectious "Blister in the Sun." Each time Sasha Gray, the band's frontman, lippered his harmonica, the squeal level from the girls in the front row rose several notches.

The screamo quartet Jo Jo Sticks kept one thing in mind before strapping into their guitars: Stage presence, and actually wrote it on the top of their set list as a reminder. Their stage antics, including several leaps off the speaker box and a partial stage dive into the crowd, earned them second place honors.

"We told ourselves before the show that we needed to dominate the stage," said guitarist and screamer Stefan Reed.

The night's opening band Menusia (subject to change), formed less than a week before the competition, already had two original songs in their resume, "Space Odyssey" and "Plastic Dreams," but still hadn't decided on how to spell their band name.

"We killed it," said singer Zach Rideout pumping his fist backstage after the set. "The five minutes we were up there was the best time of my life."



Kingsley frontman Sasha Gray lays down the groove May 12 in the PHS Forum. The band of Harrison Daniel on bass and Chris Daniel on drums took top honors.

PHS Battle of the Bands 2006

1st Place: Kingsley

2nd Place: Jo Jo Sticks

3rd Place: The Thai Confluence

The whole world is watching

World Cup to focus international attention on Germany

By Alison Petersen
MWR Marketing

This summer a four-week fever will be sweeping across Germany. It's football fever (that's soccer to you and me) and thousands of fans from around the world are sure to feel its effects.

From June 9 to July 9, the eyes of the world will be on Germany as the FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) World Cup Finals 2006 gets underway.

Thirty-two years after the last World Cup in Germany, football fever strikes again – this time in a reunified (and very excited!) Germany.

A global spotlight

Soccer is truly a global sport, and the World Cup finals are the single most important competition in international soccer. In fact, the World Cup is the most widely viewed sporting event in the world – more people follow the World Cup than the Olympics (and the World Cup *draw* got bigger television ratings around the world than the Super Bowl did).

The FIFA World Cup finals take place every four years and are a four-week, 32-team battle for soccer glory.

The competition this summer in Germany takes place in 12 stadiums in 12 cities (including Stuttgart and Munich), with the opening game on June 9 in Munich and the finals on July 9 in Berlin.

Thousands upon thousands of visitors from all over the world will be in Germany this summer, cheering on their teams and taking part in the merriment.

Even if soccer isn't your bag, once that ball starts rolling this summer it's going to be awfully hard to remain immune to football fever.

In cities small and large across the country there will be special events and festivals where one can watch games, celebrate and soak up the atmosphere.

"Die Welt zu Gast bei Freunden" – a time to make friends – is the theme of the 2006 World Cup in Germany, and even if you don't have tickets to any games, there will be plenty of opportunities for you to make friends and have a great time during the monthlong soccer celebration.

No tickets? No worries!

Even with so many games being played in so many venues, World Cup tickets can still be difficult to obtain. But even if you find yourself outside the stadium when the action starts, you can still catch football fever and enjoy the World Cup.

The following are just a few of the World Cup festivities planned in Stuttgart and Munich.

Stuttgart

- *Big Screens and Festival of Nations on the Schlossplatz*

All 64 matches will be broadcast on four big screens around the Jubilee Column in the center of the Schlossplatz, right in the heart of downtown Stuttgart.

Additionally, there will be a thriving cultural scene including international artists, delicious food and various stage shows.

- *Stuttgarter Weindorf (Wine Village) on the Schillerplatz*

Enjoy a *"Viertel"* (quarter liter of wine) and a sausage, and make new friends at the Wine Village.

Located on the Schillerplatz from June 9 to July 9.

- *Fan Arena on the Marktplatz*

Fans compete against each other on the Marktplatz in a variety of sports including street soccer, goal shooting and more.

World Cup 2006: Safety Reminders

Whether you are going to a game or planning to attend a large public gathering such as the ones planned for the Schlossplatz and the Schillerplatz, remember the following safety reminders:

- Maintain a low profile. Your conduct and mannerisms should not attract attention, and you should never discuss your military affiliation with strangers.

- Be alert to your surroundings. Watch for suspicious people. If you think you are being followed, go to a secure area (the German Polizei will be out in force throughout the World Cup).

- Never confront the individual following you, but obtain the best possible description and report it to the nearest police officer.

- If possible, park your vehicle in a secured lot. Otherwise, try to park in a well-lighted area. The best advice is to take public transportation.

- If children are along, watch them closely and choose a meeting point in case someone becomes separated from the group.

- Limit your alcohol intake. Do not overindulge, and plan transportation home in advance. The World Cup is a huge party – but don't let the festivities distract you from your responsibilities.

For more information about personal safety when out and about in Europe call the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Safety Office at 421-2752/civ. 0711-729-2752 or e-mail hans.t.dreizler@us.army.mil.

Munich

- *Olympic Park Fan Fest*

Olympic Park is the place to be for soccer fans during the World Cup. The park will be home to a 4-week international festival, and is sure to offer something for everyone.

Attractions include two pop concerts, various stage shows, and an exquisite array of international food.

- *Big Screen at the Olympic Park Lakeside Amphitheater*

Up to 20,000 spectators can watch live broadcasts of World Cup matches.

- *World Cup Kinderland*

Young fans ages 3 to 13 can join the fun at the World Cup Kinderland on Circus Island in Olympic Park.

The theme of World Cup Kinderland is "A Multicultural World Cup," and activities include a range of sports, crafts, games and events. Visit www.kjr-kinderwelt.de for more information.



photos by Brandon Beach

Want to learn more? Online resources abound

Whether you are a Cup newbie or a longtime aficionado of the world's most popular sport, the following three Web sites are excellent starting points for information about the World Cup, international soccer and related topics:

FIFA

www.fifa.org

The official site of the organization that regulates international soccer – and runs the World Cup. If you visit only one site, visit this one.

U.S. Soccer

www.ussoccer.com

Was 2002 a fluke? Or could this be the year that the Yanks shock the world?

This site offers photos, history, an up-to-date status report on the team and much more.

World Cup History

www.worldcup-history.com

Finally, an answer to that age-old question: What was the score of the Hungary-Egypt preliminary round game in the 1934 Cup finals in Italy?

From the results of every Cup game ever played to individual player statistics to a list of every Cup player's birthday, if this site doesn't have the answer, you shouldn't be asking the question.



When the World Cup comes to town, the excitement isn't limited to the action on the pitch.

As the two "fan photos" from matches earlier this year indicate, international soccer fashion (or what passes for fashion) extends far beyond wearing a team shirt. The combination of sports-related enthusiasm and national pride leaves little doubt as to which team many fans' hearts belong.

[Right] Legendary German goalkeeper Ollie Kahn (who plays professionally with Bayern München in Germany's Bundesliga) gives up a U.S. goal during a March 22 "friendly" in Dortmund. Much attention – and pressure – will be focused on Kahn's ability to steer his team toward his sport's most sought-after prize: the World Cup trophy.



'Superstars' square off in Stuttgart

Story & photo by Hugh C. McBride

Eleven men and two women ran, jumped, shot, threw, kicked, lifted and even chipped their way toward local athletic fame during the inaugural Stuttgart Superstars competition May 12 on Patch Barracks.

After two hours of friendly yet intense competition, two champions were declared – and a tradition was started.

Chris Dennis and Tina Davis emerged atop the points standings to claim the men's and women's titles, respectively. Levertis Davis took second in the men's category and Chinon Thome was the women's runner-up.

Each Superstar participant selected five events from a pool of nine options. Points were awarded to the top five finishers in each event (10 for the winner, 7 for second, 5 for third, 3 for fourth and 1 for fifth place).

Oliver Stith, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Sports Director, said the event was an opportunity to promote health and fitness – while also helping to stoke some more friendly competition within the community.

"We're going to put the winners' names – and all the winning results – up on a board in the [Patch] fitness center," Stith said. "We're hoping that when people see the board, it will motivate even more community members to come out and compete in the next Superstars."

Stith said the next Stuttgart Superstars is tentatively scheduled to be held

in August or September.

Until they are surpassed, Stith noted, the following are the Stuttgart Superstars record-holders:

Mile Run

- Men – Jorge Hernandez (6:09)
- Women – No Competitors

100-meter dash

- Men – Levertis Davis (11.78 sec.)
- Women – Chinon Thome (18.44 sec.)

Long Jump

- Men – Chris Dennis (19 ft.)
- Women – Chinon Thome (6ft., 2 in.)

Softball Throw

- Men – Steven Burkett (200 ft., 1 in.)
- Women – Tina Davis (124 ft.)

Football Throw

- Men – Chris Dennis (158 ft., 4 in.)
- Women – Tina Davis (55 ft., 5 in.)

Free Throws (30 seconds)

- Men – Chris Dennis (8)
- Women – Tina Davis (6)

Soccer Kick (target accuracy)

- Men – Jorge Hernandez (80)
- Women – Tina Davis (10)

Bench Press

- Men – Sumner Sherman (155 lbs.)
- Women – No Competitors

Golf (closest to pin)

- Men – Don McLean (9 ft., 5 in.)
- Women – Chinon Thome (45 ft., 1 in.)

For more about sports and fitness opportunities in Stuttgart call 430-4512/civ. 0711-680-4512.



Overall men's winner Chris Dennis fires out of the starting blocks during the 100-meter dash.



Stuttgart Superstars competitor Matt Dornan follows through during the soccer kick segment of the May 12 competition. Entrants in the soccer event had 15 seconds to kick five balls at targets hanging from a soccer goal.



Women's winner Tina Davis focuses on the target during the closest-to-the-pin competition.

[Main photo] Superstars participant Steven Burkett soars to a second-place finish in the long jump competition on Patch Barracks's Husky Field.

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courtesy Club Beyond

Garmisch's Timothy Haug participates in the largest service project ever undertaken by the Military Communities Youth Ministry. More than 700 students and adults traveled to Slovakia to complete service projects at 12 work sites there.

Garmisch group goes 'Beyond' to help Slovakian children

By Sue Ferrare

Fifteen students and two adults from the American community in Garmisch were among the roughly 500 high school students and 200 adults from around Europe who took part in a Club Beyond service project to Slovakia last month.

The trip was the biggest service project the Military Communities Youth Ministry has ever done, according to Garmisch Club Beyond Director Brian Hershey. So many students volunteered, in fact, the project coordinator had to ask local Slovakian officials for more sites.

Each site was a public school and at each school a team of volunteers built a playground, taught English as a Second Language classes, ran a Vacation Bible School and a sports ministry, Hershey explained.

"We were just one of 12 different sites. (We would) start the construction project by 9:30 or 10 (in the morning)," Hershey said. "And there would be a crew of people just working on that. (Some) people would go into the classrooms and do ESL. Once school was over, there would be the sports ministry and VBS."

"I think there were (more than) 30 people at our site helping out with various activities, such as VBS, the playground, ESL and simply playing games with the local kids," said Nathaniel Harrold, a 17-year-old involved in the Garmisch Club Beyond. "English as a Second Language was really interesting and I was surprised to find that some of the little kids knew a lot of English words. Some of us from Garmisch also helped do a German class for kids who spoke some German and wanted to practice that language instead of English."

Harrold, who went on a service project last year, said and he enjoyed it so much it prompted him to volunteer for this service project.

"I really enjoyed working on the playground, because at school I normally don't have a chance to work with my hands and see a finished, standing product at the end," he said.

Because of the number of people involved, Harrold said he didn't do as much physical work as he did on his other service project, but he said that left more time for other things.

"I think it's still very important that we had a chance to do some relational ministry and have contact with people we've never met and who speak a completely different language," he explained. "It helps press home the

fact that we're all loved by God and a part of his family, no matter what our background or language."

Hershey also spoke on how the sports ministry was a relational ministry.

"Toward the end of the week, as a leader, I could really see those walls that separate them (the Slovakian and Club Beyond youth)—you know the language barrier, and the cultural barriers—coming down," he said. "Sports have a way of overcoming those barriers, and it brings (the kids) together. (The older kids) would speak more frequently through a translator toward the end of the week. The younger kids just have a way of warming up to you right away or more quickly."

"The second-graders loved us," said Barrett Schake, another 17-year-old from the Garmisch Club Beyond, who spent much of his afternoons interacting with the younger kids as he helped with the VBS program.

"On the last day, they were all hugging us and asking for us to make them drawings," he said.

"I think the teachers encourage the kids to go around looking for your autograph and incorporate that into their lesson plan for the kids," Hershey explained.

According to Hershey, the trip was a success, both construction-wise and relationship-wise.

"The principals and administrators really enjoyed having us there," he said. "The principal at our site really liked the playground we built for the school. They appreciated how we came in and helped teach English to their students."

"It always amazes me how open and receptive these schools are to the Vacation Bible School," Hershey continued. "In fact, they have a Bible class just like we would have a social studies class. They teach Bible once a week in the public school system in Slovakia."

The project also made an impression on those who volunteered their time.

"This service project was a fabulous experience and a great way to get in touch with God," Harrold said. "I'll remember the people I met and the things we did for the rest of my life. It was also an opportunity to hone some essential personal skills, such as patience and showing love to others, since living in a cabin with four other guys for a week is bound to be a little strenuous at times. It's all about learning to serve and putting others before yourself. It's easy to forget that we can do this at home as well as at a work site."

Residents honored for selfless service with volunteer luncheon

By Sue Ferrare

U.S. Army Garrison Garmisch held its annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony at the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort April 28.

More than a hundred volunteers were invited and came to see the slide show, enjoy the food and fellowship, and show their appreciation for the volunteers recognized that day.

Cory Henderson, the sponsorship coordinator at the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort, attended the luncheon with several other members of the cast of the play, "The Hound of the Baskervilles." Henderson said he thought the luncheon was a classy way to show everyone how important they are.

"It was great to see how many different (volunteer) talents go into making good programs," he added. "The most amazing volunteers to me (are the ones who) served youth even after their kids graduated from the programs."

Volunteers of the Quarter from the last fiscal year were recognized, but there were a few others recognized as well:

• **Amy McDonald** received a Certificate of Appreciation for Patriotic Civilian Service.

McDonald was cited for her "unselfish devotion to the USAG Garmisch. She personifies the true spirit of volunteering and compassion enhancing the quality of life for so many. Her boundless energy is dedicated to assisting others, manifested in her almost daily schedule of preparing food for special events, for those who are sick or going through a difficult time, or simply lending a helping hand. It's something she does without hesitation. The NATO recreation center and school, the Protestant Women of the Chapel also benefit from her knowledge and generosity."

• **Lt. Col. Ken Boretti**, Director of Student Affairs for the Marshall Center, received the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

He was cited for being "a pillar of the Garmisch community who generously gives his time for the benefit of all. By virtue of his genuine spirit and commitment, he has been a role model for our youth and adults alike. He always volunteers enthusiastically and without hesitation to perform whatever volunteer job is required of him. He has been an inspiration to all both personally and professionally."

• **Boretti's wife, Michelle**, also received a Certificate of Appreciation and was cited for her "unwavering and tireless support of the USAG Garmisch."

"She is one of those cherished individuals who volunteers wherever and whenever needed," the citation read.

"More often than not she is found behind the scenes, fulfilling the less glamorous requirements. She has helped in the school classroom, Vacation Bible School, Lady of the Alps Catholic Parish, the Scouts, Club Beyond, Youth Services, every special community event and the PTA board. She not only volunteers but involves herself with the planning and preparation process, thus facilitating the efficiency and effectiveness of each project."

The following community members were also honored during the luncheon for being selected as Volunteers of the Quarter since Garmisch's previous recognition ceremony:

• Julie Colvin-Smith and Ken Haug – Third Quarter of 2005

• The Ternus family – Fourth Quarter of 2005

• Tim McMahon and Janet Oehl – First Quarter of 2006

• John Little, Todd Gile and Sue Gile – Second Quarter of 2006

For more about the volunteer effort in Garmisch – and how you can help – call the USAG Garmisch Army Community Service at 440-3777/civ. 08821-750-3777 or e-mail patricia.howe@garmisch.army.mil.

American Women's Activities Germany 50th AWAG conference focuses on volunteerism

By Sue Ferrare

Every individual matters," said Maj. Gen. Annette L. Sobel, the distinguished speaker at the American Women's Activities, Germany 50th annual conference, and the Director of Intelligence at the National Guard Bureau.

This year's annual conference was held May 11 to 14 in the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort, and on the last day, Sobel spoke to a crowd of nearly 400 delegates about how important volunteering is for making a better world.

For 50 years the American Women's Activities Germany has been striving toward strengthening military communities through volunteerism.

AWAG does this by training volunteers and the leaders of volunteer organizations through twice-yearly conferences and support of the military community's organizations.

During her speech Sobel explained the importance of volunteers and how they fit into the world in terms of globalization and helping the military deal with crises around the world.

"We can do this by taking that capacity that everyone of us has and making it into a stronger capacity for our entire world," she said.

"You're saying, 'How on earth could I ever influence this global connected world?'" said Sobel. "I guarantee you can, because you never know that individual that you may touch, that you make a difference, that person [may] continue on to do great things through your ability to do great things."

Educating leaders

Equipping volunteers to do great things is one of the main missions of AWAG. Over the four days the conference was held, AWAG provided the delegates with a choice of more than 50 classes to attend.

The classes covered a variety of subjects, from Leadership—Forces, Fears and Factors to Becoming a Better Speaker, and from What to look for in your next computer to Self-Care Essentials: You First, Right After Me.

The aim of this conference was to bring leaders together to and educate them so they can go back into their communities and teach others, said Laurie Menzel, a volunteer from Stuttgart who served as this year's chairperson for the AWAG Board of Governors.

In the leadership and meeting management classes taught by Capt. Arron Lummer, Personnel officer for 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division in Vilseck, delegates were asked to give their own examples of situations he was describing. The delegates who took Lummer's classes were also given insights into what to do or not do to make a meeting worthwhile, and whether it was better to manage or to lead.

Lummer said that one of the most important things he wanted the participants to get out of his classes was that "leadership is not just an art, it's not a matter of (whether) people are born leaders or you are not.

"You can learn to be a better leader by working on your skills and enhancing your skills," he said.

"No matter what you're doing you have the opportunity to be an effective leader and have a profound impact on someone. Anybody can do this stuff, you just need to have a passion for it and learn and improve," he said.

Supporting volunteers

Carolyn Van Antwerp, the president of AWAG's Schwaben chapter in Stuttgart (and the 2006 Stuttgart Volunteer of the Year) said she received considerable positive feedback from conference attendees. Van Antwerp, whose responsibilities included the conference's beautiful decorations and the design of the 50th anniversary pin and coin, said event participants from Stuttgart were "fired up and looking forward to training volunteers in Stuttgart."

Linda Slaughter, a volunteer and Army Community Service director in Kaiserslautern, said she thought the conference provided a wealth of new information and personal growth opportunities.

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American Women's Activities Germany

"It's incredible to see this kind of professional development offered for volunteers," she said. "These conferences are a great opportunity for volunteers to network as well as get the skills and information they need.

"We need to give them the kind of information to become leaders," she added. "Look at what we ask these people to do. Many of them are Family Readiness Group Leaders and help family members solve their problems."

Helping individuals

This conference not only gave the delegates information on how to solve other people's problems, but also how to help themselves.

Fran Kell, a volunteer from Würzburg, said the class called Positive Perspectives helped her the most.

"What she had to say was what I needed to hear," she said. "I have to say 'no' since I can only give so much."

She also said she really enjoyed the conference because it gave her a chance to network and for her group to connect.

"We got a chance to strategize and plan ahead for the next year," she said. "That's something we never have time to do back at home."

For others, the conference gave them a chance to catch up on what was going on in the parts of the world where their military husbands serve.

Liz Richardson, also from Würzburg, said the two-part class called Middle East vs. Developed West: A Cultural Conundrum, was very enlightening.

Even the fun classes, like Ice Breakers for Work and Fun, gave delegates, Morrisa Booker, from Schweinfurt, and Melissa Murphree, from Heidelberg, a chance to learn something new.

"It was a lot of fun and caused us to get out of our comfort zone since we participated in mini versions of the icebreakers," said Booker. "The tips and getting the information is going to be helpful for almost anything I'll do."

"(The ice breakers) will be good for enhancing communication," Murphree said. "They are great for small or large meetings and give a chance for all types of ranks to interact."

Kris Butz, a volunteer from Stuttgart, summed it up by saying that the conference was a great balance of fun and relaxation.

"The classes are a combination of self-care or maybe hot topics like the Middle East and then also volunteering leadership courses," she explained. "It's a great experience. They've done a great job."

Butz's favorite class was Congress and the Military Family: Is Anyone Listening?

"It's today and it's now," she said, explaining why she liked it. "It shows how one person in an organization can make a difference."

For more about AWAG visit www.awag.org.

Marshall Center, community working to save stricken student

George C. Marshall Center Release

The community surrounding the Marshall Center, a German-American security studies partnership, is putting all its resources to work in an effort to help save the life of a student from the Kyrgyz Republic stricken with leukemia while attending a course.

Artur Jeenaliev was a major in the Kyrgyz Republic Border Guard when he reported in January for the Program in Advanced Security Studies at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies.

By mid-February his health was declining. Just three days after being promoted to lieutenant colonel he was in a German hospital in Munich, where he was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia on March 2.

Transporting Jeenaliev home was not an option because of the severity of his condition. The Marshall Center community rallied behind Jeenaliev after word of his plight spread. Members of the Marshall Center community quickly found comfort items for Jeenaliev, who speaks neither English nor German.

They also connected with German private donors, who paid to transport blood samples from the Kyrgyz Republic to Germany to find a bone marrow donor.

The Kyrgyz Border Guard did what it could in an effort to help raise money.

"The Kyrgyz Border Guards on their own collected 15,000 euro among themselves, the Kyrgyz National Guard and the MOD," said Chris O'Connor, the Marshall Center student affairs liaison for Jeenaliev. "This is a considerable amount of money from individuals who earn less than \$7 per day. However, this will obviously cover only a small portion of the costs."

An insurance policy paid for two rounds of chemotherapy, but the 32-year-old husband and father still needs a bone marrow transplant, recovery and other care. The total cost is unknown, but the operation alone is expected to cost more than 120,000 euro, or more than \$150,000 at current exchange rates.

The German Element at the Marshall Center reached out to the Stefan Morsch Foundation.

The foundation is named after Stefan Morsch, a teenage leukemia victim from Birkenfeld, Germany, who died after a long struggle with the disease.

The foundation now raises money to help leukemia patients and has agreed to guarantee payment of 120,000 euro for Jeenaliev's bone marrow transplant.

However, additional financial support is still needed for his further treatment and care.

With that guarantee, however, Jeenaliev's care is moving forward. German private donors paid to fly in his wife and 20-year-old sister, Anara, who has been found to be a perfect bone marrow match.

The German military helped to reduce his expenses by transporting him to Berlin.

He may also stay in a German military medical facility following the operation until he can travel back to his home in the Kyrgyz Republic.

Doctors at the Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin hope to perform the bone marrow transplant on May 24, but both Jeenaliev and his sister must be medically cleared for the procedure.

While in Berlin, Jeenaliev's wife and sister will be housed by the embassy of the Kyrgyz Republic.

For more information about the effort to support Lt. Col. Jeenaliev – and how you can help – call the Marshall Center Public Affairs Office at 440-2543/civ. 08821-750-2543 or e-mail ferrarej@marshallcenter.org.



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Hosting Holocaust survivor Eva Schloss (second from left, onstage with cast members of the Kelley Theatre production of "And Then They Came For Me," was one example of the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's ongoing outreach program to help enhance German-American relations through cultural understanding.

Building bridges, renewing relationships

Garrison's outreach effort aims to enhance friendship between military, host nation

By Hugh C. McBride

A long walk, an afternoon at a ballgame, and an evening at the theater – these might sound like nothing more than interesting ways to while away a weekend, but for U.S. Army Garrison Commander Col. Kenneth G. Juergens and his wife, Gaby, they are part of a concerted effort to ensure that the historic friendship between the United States and Germany only grows stronger during their time in southern Germany.

From meeting with local mayors to hosting area high school students, Juergens has made German-American relations a priority during his tenure at the helm of USAG Stuttgart.

Through engagement with organizations such as the Deutsch Amerikanisches Zentrum / James-F.-Byrnes-Institute, Col. and Mrs. Juergens are working to open additional doors of opportunity for interaction between Stuttgart's German and American communities.

"Our cultural exchange and outreach initiatives are a way to show our host-nation friends and neighbors how much we appreciate their hospitality and support," Juergens said. "At the same time, these events are also designed to help our [U.S.] community members learn about Germany's rich culture and history."

Meeting the mayors

In the past five months, Juergens has visited with lord mayors and other top officials from seven towns within the USAG Stuttgart area of responsibility. In addition to helping to strengthen the formal ties that bind the U.S. and German concerns in the area, the courtesy visits are also a way to build personal friendships and ensure that the lines of communication are kept open.

Recalling an April visit with Lord Mayor Alexander Vogelgsang of Böblingen, Juergens

noted that what appeared on paper to be a brief meeting evolved into a daylong tour of the city – led by the lord mayor himself.

"It was incredible to me that Lord Mayor Vogelgsang would take so much time out of his busy schedule show us his city," Juergens said.

"His hospitality – and that of all the other officials I have met with – are continual reminders of what great host-nation partners we have here in Stuttgart," he added.

Eyes on the future

A parallel component of the garrison's effort to enhance German-American friendship is an outreach program that makes German students regular participants in on-post activities and celebrations that would be of interest to them.

In recent months, students from local German schools attended the garrison's Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration and Women's History Month panel discussion. They have also spent a day at Patch High School to practice their English and get an up-close look at what American life is all about.

"These events show that local-national students are interested in our American community, and it means a lot to them to understand our history," said USAG Stuttgart Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Q. Barbary, who hosted a session with a group of German students before the MLK event.

Lest one get the mistaken impression that the garrison's outreach efforts are centered around meetings and classes, the initiative also involves Commander's Theater Nights in the Kelley Theatre, a German-American baseball game, and even an 80-kilometer, two-day hike.

"I'm so proud of everyone who participates [in German-American events]," Juergens said. "It's great that we can get together with our German friends and enjoy what we have in common."



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Two looks at outreach:

[Above] U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Commander Col. Kenneth G. Juergens, Capt. Christian Solinsky, and Dr. Horst Mehländer, deputy minister for economic affairs for the state of Baden-Württemberg, attend a ceremony to honor Stuttgart's German-American marching group. Mehländer was the marching group's honorary patron.

[Left] Students from Filderstadt's Eduard-Spranger High School line up for a soul food lunch during a Jan. 17 cultural event on Patch Barracks.



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A whitewater kayaker rides the waves during the Trick Canoe European Cup men's finals May 7 at the Augsburger Eiskanal (ice canal). The landmark sporting facility played host to the 1972 Munich Olympics and is just one of many attractions that an adventurous tourist can make during a weekend visit to the Bavarian town of Augsburg.

Germany's second oldest city bursts at seams in history

Story & photos by Brandon Beach

You can't help but trip over history in Augsburg. The city dates back to 15 B.C. and bats second to Trier as the oldest in Germany.

With its vaults of Roman artifacts, Renaissance architecture and a university pulse, this Bavarian city beckons history junkies and club hoppers alike.

Located smack in the middle of the *Romantische Straße*, Augsburg is an excellent jumping off point to exploring the famous 150-mile meandering road that starts at Füssen in the south and ends at Würzburg with the eccentric Disneyland castle somewhere in between.

The city is an easy weekend trip from Stuttgart, with just a short 1.5-hour train ride east through the picturesque *Schwabische Alb* countryside.

Stepping out of the train from the main station, follow *Bahnhofstraße* to *Königsplatz*, where the city's main bus terminal spiders out in all directions and the pedestrian shopping zone begins.

The heart of the city lies at the *Rathausplatz* (the cobble-stoned square in front of the town hall). Under the gaze of the Perlach Tower, throngs of people meet to strum guitars, thumb bongos, guzzle beer or just sit at the steps of the Augustus fountain and watch the commotion.

It's not unusual to run into a pack of scarf-toting *fussball* fans on a Saturday afternoon celebrating a victory by the local FC Augsburg soccer club (recently promoted to the second league).

A five-minute walk from the main square is the *Fuggerei*. Set up by the city's most famous merchant, Jakob Fugger, in 1521, it's considered the first

social housing district in the world for its time. Entry into the *Fuggerei* is at the main gate on *Jakoberstraße*.

Current residents pay the same annual rent for a three-roomed apartment as they did some 400 years ago: 88 cents plus heating and three daily prayers to Mr. Fugger himself and "Ave Maria."

Entrance cost is 2 euro (that equates to two years rent) and includes a museum tour and a historical stroll through the landmark. Despite the enormous tourist traffic that literally tromps through their backyards, the residents are friendly and docile. With rent at 88 cents, one can't help but smile.

Near the *Fuggerei* on *Lochgäßchenstraße*, take a break at the *Drei Königinnen*, a charming little beer garden attached to the Augusta brewery that dates back to 1488. It's a typical Bavarian beer garden tucked under the shade of numerous chestnut trees. Enjoy a large *weizen* beer and an order of

O'bazda (Camembert cheese spread served with bread) or *käsespätzle* (cheese noodles) to rejuvenate the legs.

Maximilianstraße is a must for any weekend jaunt through the city. Located just south of the town square, the street widens to Champs Elysee-proportions. When the sun shines, outdoor cafes and bars spill out onto the fringes. With black-leather riders roaring by on Harleys and hip hop teenagers blaring 50 Cent from low-ride Hondas, the street is a hot spot for local cruisers.

For more information stop by the city's main tourist office, located at *Rathausplatz 8*, or visit www.augsburg.de. The office is open weekends 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Most staff can assist tourists in English.

Just arriving in Augsburg, pick up a free copy of the magazine "*Neue Szene Augsburg*" at any newsstand for tips on the city's cultural happenings.



A resident of the *Fuggerei* in Augsburg sweeps her front step. Established in 1521, the landmark is considered the first social housing district for its time.

OUT & ABOUT IN AUGSBURG

Augsburger Puppenkiste

The world-famous *Augsburger Puppenkiste* (children's marionette theater) holds afternoon performances of classic fairy tales every Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets range from 7 to 9 euro depending on seating. The show is entirely in German, but the elaborate sets and puppets will amaze children and adults alike.

For more information visit www.augsburger-puppenkiste.de.

Mozart festival concludes

Be dazzled by the world's most talented young violinists as Augsburg wraps up its sixth-annual international violin competition **May 28, 8 p.m.**, in the *Kongresshalle*.

The event concludes the city's month-long tribute to Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, who turned 250 this year. Mozart's father, Leopold, was born in Augsburg in 1719, and visitors to the city can still take a tour through the original *Mozarthaus* on *Frauentorstraße 30*.

For more information visit www.mozartstadt.de.

Rafting World Cup in June

Watch the world's best whitewater kayakers race against the clock **June 2 to 4** as the city hosts this year's World Cup at the *Augsburger Eiskanal*.

Constructed over 30 years ago for the 1972 Munich Olympics, the "ice canal" was the world's first canoe slalom stadium for its time and still hosts regular world-class competitions.

From the main bus depot at *Königsplatz*, take bus #26 or #36 to the *Spickel* stop and follow the river to the middle of *Siebentischwald* (seven table forest).

whitesnake to rock Kempton

Hair metal legends Whitesnake and Queensryche hit the stage June 6, 8 p.m., in the Big Box Allgau. The venue is located in neighboring Kempton, a short 45-minute drive southeast of Augsburg.

For tickets visit bigboxallgaeu.de.

Summer music festival

Take your blanket or lounge chair to Augsburg's summer music festival Stars 2006 **July 29** in the ADAC center.

Hosted by Hit Radio, this open air festival features headliners US 5, Melanie C (formerly Sporty from the Spice Girls), Right Said Fred (I'm too sexy for this fest) and Banaroo.

Tickets cost 19.95 euro and may be purchased at www.stars2006.com.

Medieval re-enactments

Augsburg hosts its annual medieval festival July 28 to Aug. 8. Come out and watch knights joust on horses and re-enact famous battle scenes. The fun takes place at the *Rote-Torwall-Anlagen* and features food, drink and numerous booths for adults and children.

Carl Orff's "*Carmina Burana*" will be performed Aug. 1 in the open air theater at the Rote-Torwall along with a fireworks show. Weekend tickets cost 8 euro for adults and 4 euro for kids. Children under 9 years old are free.

For more information visit www.historisches-buergerfest.de.

Popcity at the Gelände

Augsburg hosts its annual music extravaganza "Popcity" July 21 to 22, as some 15 bands hit the stage at the open air Gelände am Gaswerk.

Headliners include Hamburg-based rockers Die Sterne; Robocop Kraus, a new wave quintet from Nürnberg; Timid Tiger, guitar pop from Köln and The Sensational Skydrunk Heartbeat Orchestra, an 11-member polka-ska-reggae-funk group from Aichach.

Tickets go for 12 euro per day or 20 euro for both days. For more information visit www.pop-city.de.

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